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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Jon Young, Torrey Buff Quarry, S/055/012, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: December 13, 2002  
Time of Inspection: 12:50-1:05 p.m.  
Conditions: Partly cloudy, 40's, a little snow on the ground  
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

#### Purpose of Inspection:

There was no specific reason for the inspection. I was in the area and decided to visit the site.

#### Getting to the site:

One-half mile east of mile marker 70 on SR 24 (which is right at the junction with SR12) near the town of Torrey, turn south onto a dirt road. Follow this road for 0.3 miles to a fence crossing and turn right or south. From here, go 1.3 miles on the main road, and there is a somewhat indistinct road to the left. There are some places where people have driven off this road, and it is a little difficult to follow. The road goes down through a small wash then up to the left to the quarry. From the turnoff, it is 0.3 miles to the quarry.

Tony Gallegos visited the area on September 21, 2000, and had difficulty locating the site of the quarry. He stated in his inspection report that there is a BLM community pit in the area, and none of the photos in his inspection report show an actual quarry. Rather, they show places where stone has been removed from the surface.

I spoke with Buzz Rakow of the Bureau of Land management in Hanksville about this site, and he indicated the community pit is a little farther along the main dirt road. He described getting to Jon Young's quarry as going down into a small draw, and this is exactly what I found.

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**Observations:**

The quarry is about 200 feet long and 50 feet wide and, as I recall, about three feet deep (Photo 1). Some of the apparent waste material has been pushed east, away from the operation area (Photo 2). The operator has been taking a reddish tan sandstone. There were about 7-8 pallets on site but no palletized stone. Some of the stone shows signs of being split.

I could not see evidence that the operator has been saving topsoil. While there is limited soil available to be salvaged, there is some, particularly down the hill from the top of the ridge.

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The operator needs to begin salvaging soil from any areas into which he expands. The operator also needs to pay the permit fee for 2002. The final notice was sent October 22, 2002, and this was to be turned over to the State Office of Debt Collection on November 29, 2002. The Division has the option of suspending the permit if the fee is not paid.

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Attachment: Photos

cc: Jon Young, Operator w/photos  
John Blake, SITLA (ML-45409) w/photos  
Buzz Rakow, BLM Hanksville w/photos  
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**ATTACHMENT**  
**Report Date January 2, 2003; Inspection Date December 13, 2002**  
**Photographs**  
**S/055/012, Torrey Buff Quarry, Jon Young**



**Photo 1. View looking approximately south.**



**Photo 2. Material sidecast to the east of the quarry.**